



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of
NAGASHIMA, et al.

Confirmation No. 4799
Atty. Docket No. 46275

Appln. No.: 10/073,213

Group Art Unit: 1774
Examiner: Shewareged, B.

Filed: February 13, 2002

Title: INK-JET RECORDING MATERIAL

* * * * *

November 16, 2006

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2006, please consider the following remarks in view of the interview held with the Examiner on October 31, 2006 and attached documents showing documentary and experimental evidence of patentability.

The applicant's undersigned patent counsel wishes to express his appreciation to Examiner Shewareged for the courtesy extended during the interview of November 31, 2006. During the interview, the rejection of claims 1-3, 7-11 and 13 under 35 USC 103(a) in view of the references Anderson et al. (US 6,096,469) and Ohbayashi et al. (US 6,436,515) was discussed in view of documentary evidence showing that the term "translucency" in Ohbayashi, at column 4, line 65, is a translation error and the term should have been translated as "opacity." It is sincerely believed that the interview materially advanced prosecution of this application. The following remarks and attached documents are believed to be commensurate with the discussions during the interview.